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## NOT STARVING.

**The Report that the Navajo Indians are Starving has no Foundation.**

The press reports of the past week contain pathetic stories of the starving condition of the Navajo Indians. So far as can be learned from parties who live near the west end of the reservation and who have means of knowing say that if the drought had continued the Indians might have suffered, but there is no famine condition among the Navajos and the tribe is as well off as ever.

G. W. Hayzlett, the Navajo Indian agent, was in Albuquerque this week and gave to the Journal-Democrat the following statement:

"There is absolutely no foundation for the wild reports of starvation and want among the Navajos on the reservation," said Mr. Hayzlett yesterday. "I have been looking after the Navajos for a long time and I never knew of but one case of death from starvation. There has been a drouth on certain sections of the reservation. It has been in some cases severe and stock has suffered for want of food. But as to starvation among the Indians or their live stock, or any severe suffering from want of food, there is nothing in it."

"Before leaving the reservation I had reports from two of my field agents in the region along the San Juan, and they say that the crops this year are as good and in some instances better than for years. They are contented and happy."

"I had been very busy for a week before leaving the reservation and was astonished when I picked up a newspaper yesterday to learn that there were 30,000 Navajos in Utah, Colorado, Arizona and New Mexico actually dying of starvation. In the first place there are not more than 20,000 Navajos in existence. The census of 1900, on which ten men worked, showed only 12,000, but we place it at 20,000 as a fair estimate."

"Again there is not a Navajo in the state of Utah. A corner of the reservation lies in that state, but I think I am safe in saying that there is not an Indian on it. There are no Navajos in Colorado, with the exception of one family. The Utes complained some time ago and the Navajos were all brought into New Mexico and Arizona."

"At Gallup I received a telegram from the commissioner of Indian affairs asking if the reports of the Utah officers and others as to starvation among the Navajos were true. I replied at once that the reports were all without foundation. There is a pretty general impression that the reports are put in circulation by agents of trading companies who desire to see some ready money put in circulation. But as to any actual suffering from starvation among the Indians there is nothing in it."

## An Insane Man.

On Monday James O'Halloran of Williams, aged 47, was examined in the probate court as to his sanity, and was sent to the territorial insane asylum in the care of Sheriff Johnson. O'Halloran is insane over mines, and imagines he owns claims near Williams on which there exists immense deposits of platinum, being a victim of the plati-

num excitement which prevailed in that place a year or so ago.

His locations border on the town site and embrace a bed of malpai. Some time ago the Saginaw & Manistee Lumber Company began burning a lot of refuse on ground O'Halloran claimed, and he forcibly objected, saying that the heat of the burning slabs had "evaporated" all the mineral on his claim. On one occasion he drove the teamster away with an ax and another time with a club. He says the mountains are full of gas, and he can see it passing from one mountain to another under the ground.

He wrote the railroad company some time ago, stating that for the sum of \$35,000 he would assure the company a way by which collision of trains could be prevented.

O'Halloran is sane on all other subjects but mining, and on the way to Phoenix he succeeded in convincing a fellow passenger he was the victim of a conspiracy, in which the lumber company and the land office were to take away his mining claims, and the stranger had the story published in the Phoenix papers.

O'Halloran has resided in this county for about ten years, and when he returns to Williams he will find his mining claim just as he left it.

## The Episcopal Mission.

The Right Rev. J. Mills Kendrick, bishop of Arizona and New Mexico, made a visit to the Episcopal mission Sunday last and held two well attended services. The visitation was necessitated by the fact that Mr. Sumner, who started and carried on the mission, left this week to resume his theological studies, and arrangements had to be made to continue the services here. The work begun here has proved self-supporting and so successful that the bishop decided to organize it into a permanent mission.

This he did Sunday, giving it the name, "Mission of the Epiphany," and appointing the following in charge: Warden, Dr. E. S. Miller. Committee—The warden, chairman; Postmaster T. J. Coalter, Prof. A. E. Douglass, Mr. Eli Giclas and Mr. Bert Blair.

The services will be suspended until the bishop can secure a clergyman to take up the work which Mr. Sumner has left.

During the evening service the bishop paid a very high tribute to the work which Mr. Sumner had accomplished, and said he would do all in his power to continue the mission so well begun here.

## An Immense Land Entry.

J. B. Hagerman has made an entry in the federal land office at Roswell, N. M., on 165,000 acres of public land located east of Roswell, in Chavez county, in what is known as the Long Arroyo country. The Pecos Valley & Northeastern railway crosses the tract, which will be fenced and stocked with cattle of a high grade. The land was entered in lieu of forest reserve lands in the Grand Canyon forest reserve in Arizona, which Mr. Hagerman had recently acquired from the Santa Fe Pacific railway.

Robert Fulton and wife, who have been visiting the family of Harry Fulton during the summer, left yesterday for San Diego, Cal., where they will spend the winter.

## A NARROW ESCAPE.

**Accident to the President—A Carriage in Which He was Riding Struck by a Motor Car.**

A press report of September 3 from Pittsfield, Mass., says: The president of the United States escaped a tragic death by only a few feet in a collision between his carriage and an electric car in this city to-day, while one of his trusted guards, Secret Service Agent William Craig, was instantly killed, and David J. Pratt of Dalton, who was guiding the horses attached to the carriage, was most seriously injured.

President Roosevelt himself was badly shaken up, but received only a slight facial bruise. Secretary Cortelyou, who occupied a seat directly opposite the president in the landau, sustained a minor wound in the back of the head, and Governor Crane, who sat beside the president, extricated himself without a scratch. The carriage was demolished by the impact of the rapidly moving car, and the wheel horse on the side nearest the car was killed outright. The crew and passengers of the car escaped injury.

The president and party were driving from this city to Lenox, through South street, one of the principal thoroughfares of Pittsfield, which was lined with cheering people, and the catastrophe happened in plain view of hundreds, whose happiness at the advent of the nation's chief was suddenly turned to grief.

The president was enjoying a coaching trip from Dalton, Governor Crane's home, where the president had spent the night, to Lenox, a distance of 20 miles, over the Berkshire hills. The car was in charge of Conductor James Kelly, with Motorman Madden on the front platform. The car struck the coach in the rear, smashing in the back, tipping it over and throwing the occupants to the ground. The motorman and conductor were at once arrested and brought to Pittsfield.

## Arizona Conference.

The twentieth annual session of the Arizona Mission will meet in Flagstaff, Arizona, October 2, 1902. Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D., will preside. The programme of proceedings will be as follows:

Thursday, October 2—7:30 p. m., anniversary of the Sunday School and Tract Society.

Friday—9 a. m., Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, followed by organization and business; 12 m., adjournment; 3 p. m., evangelistic service; 7:30 p. m., anniversary of the Church Extension Society, addressed by Rev. T. C. Cliff, D. D.

Saturday—9 a. m., devotional service, led by Rev. E. O. McIntier; 9:30 a. m., business; 12 m., adjournment; 3 p. m., evangelistic service; 7:30 p. m., anniversary of the Missionary Society, addressed by W. F. Oldham, D. D., of New York.

Sunday—10 a. m., love feast, conducted C. V. Cowan; 11 a. m., sermon by Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., LL. D.; 3 p. m., ordination service; 7:30 p. m., sermon, followed by evangelistic service.

Monday—9 a. m., devotional service, led by Rev. A. M. Gibbons; 9:30, business; 3 p. m., evangelistic service; 7:30 p. m., business, reading of the appointments and final adjournment.

## LOCAL BREVITIES.

Martha, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Campbell, is quite ill with typhoid fever.

The public schools opened Tuesday with one hundred and nineteen pupils on the rolls, an increase over last year.

Probate Judge Reid issued a marriage license this morning to G. J. Stagner and Petrata Whittington, both of Williams.

At the Methodist church to-morrow evening the pastor will preach a sermon in the interests especially of the Masonic lodge, which will be present in a body. A general invitation is extended to the people to be present. Service opens at 8 o'clock.

C. N. Sterry, solicitor of the Santa Fe coast lines, whose office is in Los Angeles, accompanied by a party of ladies, came in from the west in a special car and left on No. 1 for the Grand Canyon, via Williams, where they will spend a few days.

The final payment of the purchase price, \$35,000, of the Last Chance mine was made on Monday. The mine is located in the Grand Canyon, and the owners were R. H. Cameron, P. D. Berry, E. I. Gale, N. J. Cameron and Annie M. Cameron. The purchasers were the Canyon Copper Company, of which John H. Page is manager. The property is a valuable one and a great deal of development work has been done and considerable ore shipped by the company. The property will no doubt prove a rich investment for the new owners.

The Northern Arizona Normal opened Tuesday for the 1902-03 session. There were a large number of visitors at the opening, and addresses were made to the students by Rev. J. H. Henry, Rev. Geo. Logie, A. A. Dutton and J. C. Grim of Flagstaff and John Y. T. Smith of Phoenix. The school had at the opening an attendance of forty-one, an increase of ten over last year. The addition of a laboratory this term will be of great advantage to the students and the school. A number of students are expected to enter during the month. The success of the Northern Normal is gratifying to the people of Arizona and especially to the citizens of Coconino county.

N. O. Murphy, ex-governor of Arizona, is spending the day here, and will remain until to-morrow's west-bound train. Mr. Murphy is out of politics so far as he is personally concerned and will not accept the nomination for any office whatever. He is, however, anxious for the success of the Republican party and will use his best efforts for the success of the ticket in Arizona. He believes that this is a Republican year for the territory and with the nomination of good men for the offices their election would surely follow. Mr. Murphy says that the railroad from Phoenix to Benson will be built and that the work of grading is now going on. This is good news to the people of Arizona, as the building of railroads in the territory is sure to be followed by the development of its wonderful resources.